

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 14, 2013 at 2111 West Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Dawn Allen, Barbara McKinney and Bill Sturbaum. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Phillips.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include the Transfer Resolution for a loan between funds and the completion of the nepotism certifications. Bill moved to accept the agenda as amended. Dawn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dawn moved to accept the minutes of the October 10 Board meeting. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2014 Volunteer Association Contract

Lillian explained minor changes were made in the verbiage of the contract. It was also noted the contract amount increased by two (2) percent to \$38,610. Barbara stated she verified the applicable laws are still in place. Bill moved to accept the 2014 Bloomington Township Volunteer Fire Department (BTVFD) contract. Dawn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Nepotism Certifications

Barbara explained that under state law, all elected officials must certify that no employees working under them and/or companies contracting with the township are related to the elected official. Lillian and each board member signed the certification for each classification.

Transfer Resolution

Lillian reported the county auditor had notified her that tax advances would be unavailable for the Fall installment of general property taxes, due to the Treasurer's office not balancing their books since May 2013. With various year end expenses and three (3) payrolls upcoming, funds need to be transferred from Rainy Day (0061) to Fire (1111) and Township (0101) to maintain

positive cash balances. The transfer amounts are \$110,000 for Fire and \$10,000 for Township. Bill moved to approve the transfer resolution. Dawn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Trustee:

Lillian noted the office will be closed on Wednesday, November 27, 2013. Lillian directed attention to the invitations to various community events that were included in the packets of each board member.

The statistics for the food pantry were discussed. Lillian explained the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is decreasing their benefit amounts and it appears our food pantry patronage is increasing. Lillian discussed the changes we have made in ensuring we provide a nutritionally balanced offering. Lillian mentioned the completion of our holiday solicitation letter and her hopes to exceed last year's contributions of \$1,700. There was discussion as to whether we should change the time of year when the letter is sent out.

Lillian announced we are moving ahead with our collaboration with New Hope Family Shelter (NHFS) to increase the use of Rosie's Place. The referral process was discussed. It was reported there will be an initial trial period of 90 days before the agreement with NHFS is finalized.

Lillian reported the progress of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA)/Capstone project to investigate funding sources for fire protection.

Lillian updated the Board on the process of eliminating the mold issue in the basement.

Lillian reported on our association with Jodi Hoagland of Bill C. Brown's office. Jodi has been working with the Training & Wellness committees and organized the onsite flu vaccinations for our employees and volunteers. Jodi also organized the stress management class for firefighters that was held at Station 5 and the personal safety class for Township staff that was held at Station 15, which employees from Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) also attended.

Lillian reminded the board of the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) hearing to address the budget protest.

Dawn moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12.

Dawn Allen, Secretary